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FOR: INVERSE LABELING METHOD FOR THE RAPID IDENTIFICATION
OF MARKER/TARGET PROTEINS

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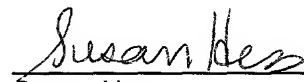
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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, under Field of the Invention, please insert -- This application claims the benefit of
U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/257,559, filed on December 22, 2000 and of U.S. Provisional
Application No. 60/332,965, filed November 19, 2001. --

Respectfully submitted,

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